

## Safety Council Pleads For 'Dry' Office Party

Drinking drivers will cause more than half of all traffic accidents over the Christmas holidays, reports the National Safety Council.

Statistics were cited this week by the Greater Los Angeles chapter of the National Safety Council in the council's annual plea to business and industry to "dry up" the traditional office party.

Stressing the organized safety movement is not trying to take the joy out of Christmas, but instead is trying to keep the holiday season joyful by preventing traffic accidents, chapter president J. T. Blalock said. "Traffic hazards created by drinking are up sharply in the last business day before Christmas."

"Many people," said Blalock, "have the idea that a few drinks will not affect their driving, but scientific studies have determined that critical judgment and driving ability are impaired by every drink and each successive drink." Blalock asserted people who "think a few drinks will not affect their driving are flirting with danger and disaster, not only for themselves, but for others."

## Hearings on L.A. Bed Tax Set for Monday

A public hearing on the establishment of a proposed 4 per cent tax on hotel and motel rooms will be held before the Los Angeles City Council at 10 a.m. next Monday, according to Councilman John S. Gibson of the 15th District. A committee report on the proposal will be presented to the City Council at that time, Gibson said. Funds raised from the tax, if approved, would be used for construction of a convention hall and trade center. The tax would be applicable to all hotels and motels located within the city of Los Angeles.

## Cal Tech Hosts Warrior Student

Craig Peroutka, a junior at West High School, attended the 14th annual Student's Day at California Institute of Technology Saturday. Peroutka participated in the programs and viewed an extensive collection of science and engineering displays.

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